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Preferential Ruling and Pledging Pays

Medical Interfraternity Conference

At the Fourteenth Medical Interfraternity Conference held in Chicago two years ago, the Phi Rho Sigma delegates made an earnest plea that the Conference seriously consider preferential rushing and pledging. They pointed out that on most medical campuses there were enough chapters of medical fraternities to require one hundred percent membership. In the early days this over-population had come about to satisfy school administrators who were all too sympathetic for the boy who might be kept out. During the years no consideration had been given to the fact that some men might not want to belong to a fraternity, and that some men by their very needs were not fraternity men. And so in the struggle for survival at one school, one fraternity will lose its chapter, and at another school, another and each chapter will go, cycle after cycle, on being good, on being fair and on being in a slump. Filled with the enthusiasm of their own speaking immediately after the conference, Drs. Forman and Elliott visited the Northwestern Chapter House and Dr. Forman made an earnest plea for the establishment of preferential rushing and pledging as a solution for some of the problems on the Northwestern campus. Dr. Elliott warmly seconded this in his talk and the Chapter was deeply impressed and set about to establish an Interfraternity Rushing Committee. The program was set up and put into operation.

This year at the Fifteenth Biennial Medical Interfraternity Conference

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Warren T. Vaughan's Sudden Death Great Loss to Fraternity and Medicine

WARREN T. VAUGHAN, *Zeta*

Col. Paul Sauer Wounded

Colonel Paul K. Sauer, Pennsylvania, commanding officer of an American evacuation hospital on the Anzio beachhead, was wounded when a bomb burst outside his tent. The latest reports are that he has recovered and has returned to duty. He was a captain in the Medical Corps in the last war. His was the first medical unit to land on Italian soil as he and his staff went ashore at Salerno a few minutes after the first assault waves.

The unit has been commended for a War Department citation, and Colonel Sauer has been personally commended at least twice.

Many will remember Paul as an associate editor of THE JOURNAL, and as District Councilor.

Executive Council Meets

The Executive Council of Phi Rho Sigma held a regularly called meeting in Cleveland on February 5 and 6. Those attending were: Jonathan Forman, President; Norman Macneill, Vice-President, United States; Harris Gray, Vice-President, Canada; Francis Jaubert, Historian; Ralph Elliott, Secretary and Treasurer; Robert Graham, Advisory Council Representative. Absent: Calhoun McDougall. In military service: Paul McLain, Dudley Stewart and William Bromme.

Matters which were given consideration were: First, THE JOURNAL. It was pointed out how difficult it is in these war-times to get the necessary material to put out THE JOURNAL, and how this has resulted in its irregular appearance. Careful analysis was made of what other medical fraternities were doing. President Forman insisted that through the years Phi Rho Sigma has established something especially meritorious in its tabloid JOURNAL, but that it can only serve its purpose when it is published regularly. The thought behind our JOURNAL, he stated, is to establish and maintain contact with all living alumni, and to keep them informed about the progress of our fraternity. This it does, but does it, however, keep the alumni in contact with the students of his own chapter? It must do its share in meeting this need. It cannot do the work of the chapter or of the alumnus. It can only make the alumnus mindful of his obligations and representation of individuals from the chapter. Second, it was generally agreed that there is need for a larger

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held at the Palmer House, Chicago, February 13, Phi Rho Sigma again appeared on the program with a resolution endorsing preferential rushing and pledging and expressed a sincere desire that the Conference give earnest consideration to it. As a result, a new precedent was established and this very important subject was presented and discussed by undergraduates. Frank Gardner, undergraduate *Alpha* of Phi Rho Sigma, presented the program as it operates at Northwestern. Dave Bennett, also of *Alpha,* opened the discussion. Swinehart of the Northwestern Chapter and Thomas of the University of Chicago Chapter of *Alpha Kappa Kappa* were present to add their comments and criticisms so that the Conference might get the composite undergraduate viewpoint on this subject. Brother Gardner said in part that when he came into the chapter, rushing presented a big problem. The whole situation was very unsatisfactory. The technique was either "grab and take" or "knock down and drag out." Rushing was particularly expensive in time and quite costly in money. So he and the other men of *Alpha* welcomed the suggestions of the National President when he spoke at the Chapter following the last Medical Interfraternity Conference and proceeded to modify the plan to suit conditions on the Northwestern campus and to get the plan into operation. Brother Gardner said that he felt that the results had justified themselves and that there was a great improvement in the situation. At Northwestern there are about one hundred and twenty-five students to the class and there are six fraternities on the campus. Some of the chapters limit their number so that there is always an adequate number of men for each chapter as opposed to conditions that maintain on many campuses. At Northwestern it was not therefore so much a matter of strengthening the weak chapters, but maintaining the fraternity system as it was to cut down on the amount of time and energy consumed in rushing and the development of a plan that would assure each chapter getting more of the kind of material it wished in the men it pledged. In Northwestern up to a couple of years ago, fraternities were always in demand as boarding houses. Living conditions outside of fraternity houses were quite unsatisfactory. Then came the dormitories and a whole list of new problems.

A central rushing committee was organized and elaborated and a series of rules carefully formulated. They justified each step and would rush men carefully because there was great doubt on the part of most people as to whether the scheme would work. Rules represented a compromise in many instances but were good so far as they went, and were definitely agreed to by all. The faculty joined heartily in the program and worked closely with the committee. The first year the program worked quite well, many minor difficulties were ironed out, and all were in general satisfied that this plan was a success. When the accelerated program of wartime hit the school preferential rushing and pledging proved to be a godsend. There was little time for extra-curricular activities and rushing as it had been carried on in former years would have been entirely out of the question, but with the Interfraternity committee working, rushing was put into the program. Rushing work, well organized, was condensed in one week at Christmas time.

Brother Gardner outlined the plan about as follows: Each chapter selects a member to be a member of the central rushing committee who, in turn, elect a chairman to undertake to "keep the peace." Each chapter makes a definite contribution of money to support the activities of the committee. The dean has given full support and aid in rushing. The dean's office sends out a letter the first of the year explaining the plan and giving it official approval. This serves to attract the interest of the incoming Freshmen to the whole fraternity system. The central rushing committee then follows up on each man who has been admitted to the Freshman class with a well written letter explaining the entire system and the choice of belonging to a special fraternity. Most incoming Freshmen have become definitely interested in a fraternity. Effort is made to rush all men whether they are interested or not. This is done as a contribution to the school because it helps to fit them into the student body by giving them an acquaintance with practically every man in the school and a check-up of life on the campus. Each fraternity may use its own judgment, but usually invites a man whom it is particularly interested in to stay at their house, and the committee may also assign incoming Freshmen by lot to a certain house for the week. Each house must file with the committee a list of Freshmen whom it is entertaining. It must notify at once any changes in addresses. This does away with the technique of former times when Freshmen were captured and kept hidden until after they were pledged. Any chapter has the freedom to contact any Freshmen at any time; no Freshmen can be kept in hiding. Then the season opens and rushing begins. Each Freshman has a card from the central committee on which are his assigned dates with each of the fraternities on the campus for dinner, luncheons and smokers. As he attends these respective functions at the various chapter houses, his card is stamped and it must be filled in completely and properly stamped before he can be pledged by anyone. Evenings and late afternoons are available for entertainment or for sightseeing. On the last date of the rushing period the Freshman is allowed no social engagements whatsoever. He may go, if he wishes, from house to house and check up on any points that are not clear in his mind which he thinks would help him in making his choice, or he may stay at home and weigh with himself this problem of choice between various chapters. This does away entirely with the "old-fashioned hotbox" procedures. Every Freshman has been several times to each house and has met practically every man on the campus.

After he has made his decision, he fills out a card listing all six of the fraternities in the order of his preference. He must name at least three.

At the same time, each chapter makes out a preferential list of the Freshmen that it would like to have for members. No chapter can select more than twenty-five. This, of course, would have to vary in other medical schools. Knowing that the particular Freshman's name is in the twenty-five listed by the chapter of his choice, he's in, and the formalities of pledging proceed. If he is not in this list, but is in the list of his second choice, he is notified of his election to this chapter. But no one ever knows all the facts of his selection. This matter of pledging has only to do with Freshmen at Northwestern, and no interest is taken in transfers. Each chapter posts a fifty-dollar bond to maintain the rules. Minor infractions

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Chapter and Alumni News

MEDICAL COLLEGE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Our situation under the ASTP and Navy V-12 program is practically parallel with that at other medical colleges. We are fortunate enough to be placed on a commutation of rations and quarters basis and have only one formation per week for drill. Navy men have no drill, nor classes regularly scheduled. Army men meet one class in military per week, in addition to drill. So far the military has not materially affected medical studies and interests. The accelerated program, limited vacations, continual grind, etc., have left a mark on the students.

Our parties average one each month and generally are good. Medical college dances are well attended by Phi Rho members, and are usually enjoyable. Refreshments are a problem, especially in this city. Oh, yes, we make out! Somehow. Rush parties were unusually good this year, and were well attended.

Several Phi Rhos placed for honors, and as a whole, the fraternity stood well in classwork during the term ending last December.

Officers for 1944 are as follows: President, Henry H. Boyter; Vice President, Stanton L. Collins; Secretary, Holland M. Carter, Jr.; Treasurer, William M. Alexander; House Manager, Albert S. Allen; Kitchen Manager, R. Garrison Latimer; Social Chairman, Charles B. Skinner, Sergeant at Arms, Aubrey D. Gantt.

Honor men, December, 1943: Senior Class, 1st honors, Euta M. Colvin; others, Ernest B. Ellis, William M. Mathis, Jr.; Junior Class, Walter E. Brooks; Sophomore Class, 2nd honors, Louie B. Jenkins; Freshman Class, 1st honors, James M. Ruff; others, Kenneth J. Boniface, David D. Brockman and Gordon T. Wannamaker.

Internship appointments for the class of December, 1943, are as follows: Euta M. Colvin and Ernest B. Ellis, Roper Hospital, Charleston, S. C.; William J. Jenkins, U. S. Naval Hospital, Navy Yard, Charleston, S. C.; Edgar H. Myers, McLeod Infirmary, Florence, S. C.; William H. Mathis, Greenville General Hospital, Greenville, S. C.; W. O. Tanner, Columbia Hospital, Columbia, S. C., and Gary C. Turner, Garfield Memorial Hospital, Washington, D. C.

We are proud to report the initiation of the following 13 men on November 5, 1943: William M. Alexander, Albert S. Allen, Paul Bolin, Holland M. Carter, Jr., William L. Cheezem, James F. DeLoach, Louie B. Jenkins, Ramsey G. Latimer, Oliver A. Mays, William L. Mills, John B. Nettles, Bert H. Walling and Paul C. Wheeler.

DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY

At our last initiation held in the Lord Nelson Hotel, fourteen men entered the fraternity. They are: Gordon L. Milton, Thomas H. Earle, Avery Vaughn, Donald S. Lindsay, Douglas L. Roy, Eric W. Jardine, Richard C. Fraser, Lloyd S. Allen, David M. Archibald, Daniel L. Sutherland, Marcus A. Deacon, Walter M. Shaw, Neil K. MacLennan, and Roy W. Fanjoy.

In addition to the new men and active members, about twenty doctors were present.

Following the ceremony and banquet, a short entertainment was provided by the initiates.

Our annual formal dance at the Nova Scotian Hotel was well attended, chaperons being Dr. and Mrs. Kenneth M. Grant, Dr. and Mrs. Wallace M. Roy and Dr. and Mrs. James W. Reid. The active chapter committee consisted of Brothers Shaw, MacDonald and Colquhoun.

On February 13 a symposium was held at the chapter house, the topic being "State Medicine" in all its various aspects. Brother Robert O. Jones gave a very interesting talk, from the doctors' point of view, on this subject.

Socially and scholastically this has been a successful term at the chapter. Social activities will be concluded on March 25 with a party in the House, with 1st and 2nd year men writing final examinations toward the end of April, and 4th year men writing mid-year's exams at the same time. There is no third year class at present due to our complicated speed-up plan.

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UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA

Since the boys are beginning to get their service pay the load on the chapter has lightened. The lack of these funds and rising food prices put quite a strain on the treasury.

The chapter has redecorated several rooms in the house and things look better now.

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS

The new chapter officers of *Alpha Nu* are: President, Alfred Hamilton; Vice President, Joe J. Heath; Secretary, Paul E. J. Klinger; Treasurer-House Manager, Charles Reiter.

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

March 1 the actives arranged another annual banquet and reunion for the alumni and friends of *Beta-Gamma.* After dinner at the Illini Union Building, we adjourned to the Chapter House for a meeting of the Alumni Association, where the discussion centered about making the association more active during wartime. The members set a precedent by electing three actives to the board of trustees, actives being eligible for membership by virtue of having contributed to the Beta Association Building Fund. It is hoped that this will further interest in the house by actives as well as alumni. The following were elected to the board: Dr. C. I. Reed, Ohio State, President; Dr. Frederick H. Falls, Rush, Vice President; Rudolph Mrazek, Illinois, Treasurer, and Julian Lorenz, Illinois undergraduate, Secretary.

The second news item concerns the creation of an Interfraternity Council at the University of Illinois Medical School, the most immediate purpose being supervision of rushing by a central committee, which will assign incoming men according to their preferences and the preferences of the five fraternities; the number of men living in each house to be determined by the space declared available by each fraternity. A system similar to this has been successful at Northwestern. At Illinois, however, the situation is somewhat different and preferential pledging tends to force us into an objectionable policy followed by almost all the other local fraternities—that of ejecting all actives except house officers each year in order to make room for a maximum number of Freshmen. Such a policy is made possible by the fact that the demand for fraternities here is greater than the supply, but as it has made for disgruntled upperclassmen and cut-throat rushing, Phi Rho Sigma at Illinois has avoided it.

In regard to the Army and Navy, the Illinois units have been fortunate in being put on subsistence allowance with the option of living anywhere. Military interference with studies on the whole has not been great, and our only worry is for the men coming in this April, who will no longer be able to enter the army program.

Colorado

Stanley W. Geshell, past assistant surgeon, U. S. P. H. S. Reserve, has been named psychiatrist for the new Juvenile Court Clinic in Washington.

Medical College of Virginia

Lieut. John B. Clement, formerly of Trenton, N. J., now serving in the Navy Medical Corps, has received the Purple Heart and a commendation for "bravery under enemy fire." He was graduated from the Medical College of Virginia in 1933 and entered the service February 22, 1943.

Wayne University Medical School

Capt. Richard F. Kuhn has been awarded the Medal of Distinction by the Bey of Tunis in recognition of the medical aid he gave to Tunisian civilians while serving as a flight surgeon for the Red Devil Flying Fortress Squadron. Brother Kuhn was given the high award comparable to the United States Distinguished Service Medal by a French general. He graduated from Wayne University Medical College in 1938 and entered the service in June, 1942.

Ohio State University

Clare W. Smith is located at 196 South Main Street, Marion, Ohio.

University of Pittsburgh

George E. McKenzie is located at 602 Dupont Building, Miami, Fla.

University of Pennsylvania

Jay D. Zulick is Director of the Department of Radiology, Abington Memorial Hospital, Abington, Pa.

University of Texas

M. Jay McSween has recently purchased a clinic owned by Dr. Roy G. Loveless at 123-33 West Lubbock Street, Slaton, Texas.

McGill University

B. Edmond Thomas announces the opening of his office for the general practice of medicine and surgery at 201 Forest Road, corner Center Drive, Douglaston, Long Island.

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Paul L. McLain, the Editor has reported for active duty with the Armed Forces of the United States. During his absence his duties have been assumed by Brothers Jonathan Forman, Ralph Elliott and the Associate Editors.

What Is Health?

Too many people have an erroneous conception of health. To them it is a condition which keeps them out of a physician's office. Health is no such negative thing. Health is a very positive condition which promotes a buoyancy—a joy in living which results in productivity and length of life. We physicians have dedicated our lives to attempting to partially restore second-hand bodies. One cannot help but be impressed as one walks down the ward filled with victims of chronic diseases that the restoration of these patients can never be complete. We simply "tinker them up" so they will run in some sort of a way as an act of kindness to them and their friends. This is a professional service that concerns the individual. The interests of society are not served by it, nor is society much interested in it. From a long-range view, it makes little difference who gives what colored pills to whom. The practice of medicine is therefore an art and an individual matter—an individual matter of great importance to those who are ill, just as is the service of the priest to those who face a spiritual crisis.

Councilors Appointed

The Executive Council announces the appointment of Horace K. Giffen, Western Reserve, Councilor for Ohio; John F. Wilson, Jefferson, Councilor for Eastern Pennsylvania, and Joseph M. de los Reyes, Jefferson, Councilor for Southern California. Dr. Giffen has recently been elected a director of the Kappa Alumni Association which owns the Chapter House. Dr. le los Reyes is a Lieutenant Commander in the Public Health Service.

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Hall of Fame

William H. Bradford, Councilor, to whose unselfish devotion and financial assistance Alpha Omicron owes its new Chapter House.

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A Biologist Takes a Look

We are engaged in a world-wide conflict which started out with a clash between two ideologists. Of course now, as has always been the case, the war has degenerated into a struggle for survival. While this has been going on the ideology of our enemies has infiltrated to an alarming extent into the muddled thinking of many of our people. No one can quarrel with the idea that not to have a worry, to have all that one wanted to eat and wear, to have decent shelter, and to work when one wanted to, would be an ideal situation. But the conflict is how to attain these goals. Our founding fathers recognized the attainment of these "freedoms" to be only possible through the redemption of man. This redemption, they said, could only occur through honest effort, intelligently applied, and the preservation of individual independence. Spurious thinkers have poisoned our minds in recent years with the idea that social progress means socialism. Trained in biology, as we are, we ought to know better. Nature has tried this pattern many times. She has compelled the individual to surrender his integrity, his industry, his intelligence and his independence to the group. The result is an ant hill, or a bee colony. There can be no social progress. Biologically, this is a blind lane. Adoption of social security demands that the worker surrender to the State his integrity, his industry, and his intelligence and his independence. Biologically, this is unsound approach to the problem. Furthermore, all are agreed that such schemes must be financed, and to finance them we must take from those who, through the exercise of these virtues, have produced real wealth and given to those who, through a lack of one or two of these, have not. This is a sound argument against *compulsory* sickness insurance, but one seldom offered the public and to which its attention should be called.

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It's the Answer

A good deal of space in this issue is devoted to preferential pledging. Your officers feel that this is the answer to many of our problems. Without this each of the medical fraternities will lose a good many chapters.

Fraternity chapters always have their "ups and downs." Their position in this cycle is determined by the type of their leadership. This varies from class to class—generation to generation.

On many campuses of recent years the officers of a chapter have had to devote as much time to rushing as they did to their studies. Without a fraternity program and an enforceable agreement about the part each chapter should take, and when and how they should be taken, rushing is a cut-throat proposition and must be carried well back into the pre-medical classes regardless of how costly and undesirable such a procedure is. It is to be hoped that each Phi Rho chapter will give this plan serious consideration and take the lead in founding an Interfraternity Committee on Rushing, or give full cooperation to the movement if it is already upon their campus.

Student Loans

Many governmental and private agencies, foundations, medical societies, and other groups are much concerned with medical education after the war. Extensive arrangements are being made to finance by means of scholarships residencies and fellowships the younger returning medical officers who desire to complete their training which was interrupted by their induction. Little attention, however, has been given to the undergraduate medical student. If any considerable deflation should occur, as seems likely, his plight may in many instances call for help.

One of our prominent alumni who is close to affairs in Washington writes: "There isn't a doubt but that just as soon as the government subsidies are withdrawn, you are going to be swamped with requests for student loans. I feel that any action that could be taken to increase the total of the Fund is very desirable. You will recall that some years ago I offered to give one hundred dollars if a group of my fellow alumni would join me in this effort. I would be willing to do something like this again if you can work out the idea. There isn't a doubt that the greatest service the fraternity could do for the medical profession is to assure the graduation of a certain number of able, if hard up, students."

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Prisoner of War

Major Edwin S. Kagy, Tulane '34, was serving in the Philippines at Ft. Strotsenburg at the beginning of the war, later at Base Hospital No. 2, and finally at Corregidor when Bataan fell. He was Chief of the Medical Service in the hospital at Corregidor. Taken prisoner, he was interned at a military camp in the Philippines and finally transferred to Tokyo in the fall of 1943. Several communications received from him stated that his health was excellent.

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Memorial Gift

Mrs. J. Henry Schaeffer, wife of the late J. Henry Schaeffer, *Lambda-Phi,* has sent a contribution to the Student Loan Fund each year since his death.

A Sister Passes . . .

Throughout the history of Phi Rho Sigma the wives of national officers have made distinct contributions to our Fraternity through inspiration and sacrifice. None, however, has done as much as Florence Elliott. From 1919 until the day of her death, at her home in Cleveland, April 19, she followed with keen interest every development in Phi Rho Sigma. For years the Executive Council has met in her home and benefitted by her wise suggestions, unobtrusively offered. Literally hundreds of our Alumni look back to their visit in the Elliott home as one of their most pleasant memories. When the Central Office was moved from Detroit to Cleveland nearly seventeen years ago, Florence allowed it for several years to occupy her recreation room, store its records in her third floor, and generally overrun her whole house. She did this cheerfully and for the good of our fraternity.

The unstinting labor during the long hours week in and week out which our Secretary-Treasurer has given to Phi Rho Sigma could only have been done because his helpmate was as much interested in our success as we were ourselves.

J. F.

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Full Professorships at Emory

The following Phi Rhos have been honored by having conferred upon them full professorships in the Emory University School of Medicine: Grady E. Clay, Emory, professor of urology, and J. Calhoun McDougall, Emory, professor of otology and rhino-laryngology. These men have given years of service to the advancement of Emory and education in the branches of medicine which they represent.

In addition to their contributions to the school, they have done much for Phi Rho Sigma. The chapter has always been able to depend upon Brother Clay and Brother McDougall is one of the old "war horses" of the fraternity, having served as Vice President and President.

Recent Contributors to Student Loan Fund

ALPHA: Clifford G. Grulee, Groesbeck Walsh, Homer D. Dudley, Edwin C. Burkland, William V. Gooder, Samuel C. Plummer, Otto C. Brantigan, George J. Dennis. *BETA-GAMMA:* Ed J. Rowan, Gerard N. Krost, John J. Zavertnik, Stephen C. Mason, Edward A. Brucker, John H. Valancey, Junius H. McHenry. *DELTA:* Albert Soiland, Wilbur A. Beckett. *EPSILON:* Octavious M. Randall, Russell W. Alles, Arthur W. Erkfitz. *ZETA:* Edward P. Gillette, Alonzo B. Brower, John F. Huber, John W. Trask, Martin A. Mortensen, William A. Coventry, Ralph B. Fast, Norman E. Clark, Karl C. Eberly, Harvey B. Searcy, Earl W. May, Samuel Donaldson, Leland E. Holly. *ETA:* Francis E. Colien. *THETA-TAU:* John B. Simons, Lloyd A. Whitsell, Edward H. Nelson, N. Logan Leven. *IOTA:* Mathew A. Tinley, Herbert E. Stroy, George O. Shaner, Arthur E. Merkel, Robert S. Irvine, Frank A. Burnham. *KAPPA:* Keate T. McGunegle, Manson E. Nichols, Edward F. Kieger, John A. Toomey, Walter M. Bucher. *LAMBDA-PHI:* George W. Taggart, Howard E. Milliken, Ralston O. Gettemy, Alex W. Spears, Milton F. Percival, John A. Hugo, Samuel C. Long, Adrian W. Voegelin, Loyd C. Wademan, Louis Schneider, Arthur V. Molyneux. *MU:* George F. Patterson, James E. Whitmire, Joseph M. Kinkade, Ben F. Kilgore. *PI:* Carl H. McCaskey. *RHO:* Joseph T. Murphy, Julian Feild. *UPSILON:* John R. Tucker, James L. Hamner. *CHI:* Benjamin R. Almquest, Glenn H. Davison, William H. Clark, Arthur H. Gross, George W. Pollock, Dewees E. Brown. *PSI:* Ralph W. Danielson. *OMEGA:* Walton E. Dutton, Harry J. Templeton. *DELTA OMICRON ALPHA:* Frederick D. Gruber, Robert G. Wood, Lewis H. Marks, Ford A. Thomas. *ALPHA DELTA:* Frank B. Queen. *ALPHA ZETA:* Ernest H. Sultan, David G. Schmidt, Arthur H. Beede. *ALPHA GAMMA:* James R. Parmley, F. Ralph Connell. *ALPHA THETA:* J. Bates Henderson. *CHI ALPHA:* V. Lee Darby. *CHI BETA:* Charles A. Eberhart.

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are worked out by the committee. Major infractions may cost the membership for one year. (This had a most salutory effect in one of the other schools where this plan was working upon a chapter which by its outlaw attitude was definitely threatening the whole fraternity system.—Editor.) Each year the system has worked better. Most of its "bugs," Brother Gardner stated, have been worked out. The student has the right, of course, to reject the invitation which is extended to him, as does the chapter. After a suitable waiting period, if a chapter does not have its quota, he may be reconsidered. Gardner summarized the advantages of this plan at Northwestern in that it integrated the Freshmen into campus life better than anything the school could do. The fraternity, therefore, by means of this scheme, made a very great contribution to the university. The plan has done away with continuous rushing and pledging. It has insured each chapter that it will get a representative group of men and extra-curricular energy of the chapter officers is therefore directed to improving chapter life, rather than to all-the-year-round rushing. Dave Bennett, in opening the discussion, confirmed what Gardner had said and discussed some of the details, pointing out that this rushing week was really a pretty concentrated or strenuous affair. He felt that possibly this was due to a highly competitive situation which existed between two of the chapters on the campus and that shortly these two chapters would possibly see the folly of this type of competition, and the thing would settle down to something simpler. He also pointed out that this was the main objection to the plan as it had been used by sororities on various campuses. Swinehart of *Alpha Kappa Kappa,* Northwestern, confirmed what the *Alpha* of Phi Rho Sigma representatives had said, and felt that it had strengthened their chapter, and had, in the main, been worthwhile. He emphasized what Bennett had said, that rushing had been especially strenuous because of its concentration and that it continued to be more and more expensive as it operated at Northwestern at the moment. It was much more expensive in money, but represented a great saving in time and energy. He felt that if this foolish competition could be curbed, and entertainment be limited to a series of plain entertainments in the form of Open Houses, it would be just as satisfactory and effective, much less strenuous and even less expensive than the old plan. Swinehart further emphasized that it did not change the personnel of the chapter very much. The biological principle that "birds of a feather flock together" still obtains so that chapters do not, as a rule, get better men by this plan. What happens is that the Freshman becomes more enthusiastic about the fraternity system and, therefore, becomes a better fraternity man. Furthermore, the bright light of publicity is focussed upon the administration of the chapter's affairs so that chapter officers, and the members themselves, are on their toes about the way things are run in their own houses. Because of these things, Swinehart said, there are very few men on the campus who are disappointed. Most men go where they want to go. As an aside, he pointed out that the incoming Freshmen were very, very young. He said that he, himself, at twenty-three was considered a very old man. These youngsters were about eighteen years of age, and well supplied with money. That makes the whole effort take a little different direction than it will after the war, if, as most of us suspect, deflation sets in.

Mr. Thomas, *Alpha Kappa Kappa* representative from the University of Chicago, said that there was a good deal of lethargy on their campus and said a plan did not help much either way. This is due to the fact that there was a very definite lack of plans on the part of the student body, and there was no class organization until just before graduation, at which time a chairman is selected for the Commencement exercises. There are three or four chapters represented on the campus, but only two of them exhibited any rushing activities during the last year and the technique was largely "catch and grab." These two offered a decidedly definite life to their members and it is rather difficult under these conditions to operate fraternities at all, and he stressed that it would be a great service if they could secure some faculty help. He said further that under these conditions he was not in a position to discuss such a highly organized and apparently efficient program as the one that was in operation at Northwestern.

Another important action of the Medical Interfraternity Conference was the adoption of the following resolution which had previously been submitted to the officers of the member fraternities: "RESOLVED: That when a member fraternity has a chapter that becomes dormant or inactive in any school after December 7, 1941, the Medical Interfraternity Conference shall request that no member fraternity, not already established at such a school, shall take steps looking toward the installation of a NEW chapter in said school until two years shall have elapsed after the conclusion of the war emergency."

The Fifteenth Medical Interfraternity Conference elected for the coming biennium the following officers: Chairman, L. B. Arey, *Phi Beta Pi;* Vice-Chairman, Jacob B. Deuel, *Phi Alpha Gamma;* Secretary-Treasurer, Jonathan Forman, *Phi Rho Sigma,* second term; Executive Committee: William A. Mann, Jr., *Alpha Kappa Kappa;* Ralph C. Williams, *Theta Kappa Psi;* Warren H. Cole, *Nu Sigma Nu.*

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Executive Council Meets

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book form publication once every year or so. This would have value in rushing as well as meeting the purpose for which it was published. There have been repeated inquiries, Brother Elliott pointed out, from the chapters about THE MANUAL published in 1929, and "The Medical Student" published in 1937. Both of these are out of print and after considerable discussion the Council finally authorized the publication of a book to contain the outstanding features of THE MANUAL—revised to date—and those of "The Medical Student," together with certain new chapters to cover activities not contained in these two original publications. The Council decided that this book should be made available to every pledge. The Grand Chapter Committee on Publications was authorized to proceed with its production.

The Council then approved of the resolution submitted to it by the Medical Interfraternity Council discouraging the formation of new chapters in medical schools where some other fraternity has lost a chapter during the war emergency. The Council then passed a resolution to be for-

warded to the Medical Interfraternity Council: "RESOLVED: "That the President write a letter to the Medical Interfraternity Conference telling them that the Executive Council of Phi Rho Sigma endorses preferential rushing and pledging, and hopes that it will receive considerable consideration at the next meeting of the Medical Interfraternity Conference." Harris Gray pointed out that, in his opinion, preferential pledging and rushing would not be a success unless there was an active Interfraternity Council on the campus, or, a strong, well-supported Interfraternity rushing committee, and that the program has to police itself in order to be co-operative. Francis Jaubert said that he was afraid that the stronger fraternities would object and the weaker fraternities on the campus would grab at the idea. Others pointed out that this was the thought back of the whole movement—to strike from the weaker chapters and thus maintain the fraternity system on every campus. It was further pointed out that all medical fraternities are concerned with the fact that too often there are medical fraternities enough to require one hundred percent membership on the part of the student body. It was further emphasized in the discussion that under the present circumstances with the accelerated program in our medical schools, the value of preferential rushing and pledging is obvious as it would do away with ruinous competitive rushing and the necessity of spending far too much time on this activity.

The next item of business taken up had to do with the Phi Rho Sigma Book Plate. Brother Elliott reported that several chapters have expressed an interest in such a book plate, and recalled that about ten years ago, six drawings were collected on proposed book plates. These have recently been submitted to a manufacturer and have been discussed with authorities who design the book plates. The Council authorized the preparation of such a book plate to be furnished chapters or individuals who are members of the fraternity for a nominal cost to cover the imprint of the chapter or individual names, postage and packing. It was also emphasized that no blank copies of the book plate would be furnished, but that the names should be printed before shipping to the individuals or chapters ordering them.

Chapter and Alumni News

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Wake Forest College

William W. Shingleton, Bowman Gray School of Medicine, was awarded first prize of $25 in a group of prizes inaugurated recently by the Journal of the Bowman Gray School of Medicine in its effort to recognize outstanding student papers. The title of Brother Shingleton's paper was "The Etiological Aspects of Hyperthyroidism," published in the September issue of the Bowman Gray Journal.

University of Texas

New appointments made by Surgeon General Thomas Parran, effective December 1, 1943, include the following Phi Rhos: Assistant Surgeon General Rolla E. Dyer, director of National Institute of Health; Medical Director Joseph W. Mountin, Marquette, chief States Relation Division, effective January 1, 1944.

University of Pittsburgh

Our Editor, Paul McLain, is now on the medical service of Station Hospital, Camp Pickett, Virginia, in charge of gastro-intestinal section.

University of Michigan

Major Stuart Wilson finds himself as chief of the medical service at Billings General Hospital, Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind. He reports that a goodly number of the staff are Phi Rhos from all parts of the country.

University of Colorado

Capt. Robert Bingham is now serving as an overseas surgeon in the Southwest Pacific with the 31st General Hospital.

McGill University

Frederick J. Desmond has returned to civil life after his discharge from the army following service in England. He is doing eye, ear, nose and throat work at Moncton, N. B., and in addition is working with the Department of Pensions.

University of Illinois

John W. Ball is practicing at the Frederick C. Smith Clinic, 240 E. Church Street, Marion, Ohio.

Northwestern

James H. Cooper is limiting his practice to ophthalmology at 207 Toledo Medical Building, Toledo, Ohio.

Toronto

Colonel S. Sandford English, is consultant in Physical Medicine, National Defence Headquarters, Elgin Building, Ottawa, Canada.

UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

Due to the army policy, the University of Pennsylvania medical students in ASTP are quartered in barracks, thus breaking up our normal medical fraternity life. We were fortunate, however, in two respects, in that the army did not take over our house and also all Phi Rho's in ASTP have been quartered in the same barracks. Other medical fraternities on the campus have not been so fortunate, as the army is using three of the six fraternity houses for barracks. Although this situation has separated the fraternity into two groups, we have managed to keep fraternity life as near normal as possible under the existing circumstances.

The annual Senior farewell party was held at the house December 17. The Seniors honored and their internships were: Merle Bacastow, Lankenau Hospital; Elwood Brubaker, Fred Coleman and Walter Olin, Reading Hospital; John Winter, Williamsport Hospital; Jack A. Wolford, Allegheny General Hospital; Arthur Schaul, Fairview Park Hospital, Cleveland; Clarence Martin, Presbyterian Hospital, Philadelphia.

With the beginning of a new academic year in January, our chapter participated in a successful rush week in which twenty-five men were pledged from the incoming Freshmen and Junior transfers. The following men were initiated at the Chapter House on February 26: William Bast, *Albright;* Jaime Benavides, *Duke;* Kenneth Clarke, *Buckness;* George Flanagan and Samuel Fomon, *Harvard;* James Glessner, *Franklin and Marshall;* George Huston III, *Williams;* Edward Huth, *Wesleyan;* Milton Kamsler, *Amherst;* George Starkweather, *Amherst;* Kehl Markley III, *Penn State;* Lee Miller, Mark Reed and Lowell Yund, *Muhlenberg;* Lyle Powell, Jr., *University of South;* Horace Mooney, *Franklin and Marshall;* Carl Schwartz, *Ursinus;* Medard Selecky and Thomas Shoemaker II, *University of Pennsylvania;* William Shelley, *Gettysburg;* Richard Teeter, *Gettysburg;* Norman Timmins and James Tisdale, *Dickinson;* John Updegrove, *Cornell;* and Charles Christensen (transfer), *South Dakota.* The same evening a tri-chapter dance was held with Temple University and Jefferson chapters, climaxing a very successful day.

The chapter has just inaugurated something new in monthly fraternity meetings. After every monthly business school, determined by popular vote of the meeting a guest speaker from the medical members, presents a short talk on a subject of common interest to all classes. Our first speaker in this series was Dr. Warner F. Sheldon from the Pathology Department who presented a case, complete with gross specimens and microscopic sections.

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

In the last issue of THE JOURNAL we were happy to report that *Zeta* was having its most successful year, although half the active members were living at Vaughn House, the army barracks.

Now we have even better news; for on April 1, *Zeta* initiated a class of thirty-two men, which we are given to understand is the largest group ever to be initiated by a Phi Rho Chapter. We are proud of these new brothers; for of our entire pledge class, not one failed his beginning courses. Thus all could be approved for initiation by the fraternity. Among our initiates we have eleven army men, fifteen navy men and six civilians.

On the evening of April 1, *Zeta* held its annual initiation banquet at the Allenel Hotel with some 90-odd active members and alumni present. Everyone enjoyed himself immensely.

We have another item of interest to report. In the past four years three British medical students have come to Michigan on Rockefeller scholarships. The first two, David Edwards and James Robertson, both became enthusiastic Phi Rhos. And on April 1, George Carr from Manchester University also was initiated into our chapter to make it a clean sweep. This has been an education for all of us.

. . Chapter Eternal . .

Warren T. Vaughan, Michigan, died at his home in Richmond, Virginia, on April 2. Age 51.

Brother Vaughan was a member of our Michigan Chapter in his student days, to which he gave much strength. He came out of World War I a Lieutenant Colonel and shortly afterwards opened his office in Richmond. He then became active in the affairs of the Grand Chapter of our Fraternity. He rewrote the ritual and served as a Grand Councilor for two terms. At the New Orleans and Montreal conventions he served as wise counselor. In these days he did much to strengthen the hand of President Stuart Wilson in making our Fraternity a truly professional Society.

Not only has Phi Rho Sigma lost one of its best members but the profession has likewise lost one of its most eminent members. His eminence was attested to by his membership in scores of learned societies, by his many publications, books, and by his leadership in his chosen field of Allergy.

Sanford R. Gifford, Northwestern, internationally known eye specialist and author, passed away of pneumonia, February 25, 1944. He was 52. One of the nation's leading ophthalmologists, Brother Gifford was professor and chairman of the department of ophthalmology at Northwestern University Medical School, head of the ophthalmology department at Passavant Hospital, and on the attending staff of Cook County Hospital. Brother Gifford's research contributions to his special field total several hundred. Among the books he had written are two widely used texts, "Handbook of Ophthalmic Therapeutics," written in 1931, and "Textbook of Ophthalmology," written in 1938.

Brother Gifford treated Mrs. Edward Windsor in 1941 when she and her husband, the former King of England, visited the United States.

John Ralph Ballinger, Rush, died in Atchison, Kan., December 29, 1943, aged 68, of chronic cardiovascular renal disease, hypertension and myocarditis. He was for many years chairman of the medicolegal committee, member of the House of Delegates of the A. M. A.; formerly assistant professor of neurology at the University of Illinois College of Medicine; served on the attending staffs of the Lutheran Deaconess and Norwegian American hospitals; author of "Medico-legal Laws Brief in Relation to Mal-practice Suits, with Citations."

★ Died In Service ★

Walter Ovid McCammon, Tulane, died in Sicily, November 14, 1943, aged 32, of infarction myocardium. He entered the medical corps, Army of the United States, as a first lieutenant on June 15, 1942; promoted to captain; a flight surgeon in the Air Corps. He was a member of the Kentucky State Medical Association and formerly health officer of Washington County, Ky.

Gustavus W. Thomasson, Jr., Tulane, of Dallas, Texas, was killed in Floyd County, September 23, 1943, aged 31, in an airplane accident. He was commissioned a captain in the medical corps, Army of the U. S., on March 26, 1942, and later promoted to a major. He was a member of the Air Corps stationed at Childress Air Training and Bombardier School at Childress.

Hulett Hall Askew, Emory, died recently in Atlanta following a heart attack. He received his degree from Emory University in 1918 and began practice in Carrollton, Ga., then later returned to Atlanta. For the past several years he has specialized in proctology and was an Associate Fellow of the American Proctologic Association. He was also a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons and a member of several medical organizations, including the Southeastern Surgical Congress, the Georgia Medical Association, the Southern Medical Association and the American Medical Association. He is survived by his wife, a daughter, Mrs. Dodge Mentzer, and a son, Sergeant Price Meritt, with the United States Air Corps in England.

Walter Thomas Stenson, McGill, New York City, died December 8, 1943, aged 48, of acute pulmonary congestion and coronary thrombosis. He was a specialist certified by the American Board of Surgery; fellow of the American College of Surgeons; served during World War I; on the surgical staff of Lenox Hill Hospital, New York City.

Roy Albert Hill, Emory, Thomasville, Ga., died January 1, 1944, aged 54, of coronary thrombosis. He was a fellow of the American College of Physicians, a member of the Medical Association of Georgia and served on the staff of the John D. Archbold Memorial Hospital.

Mars Laurice Madsen, Rush, Canova, S. D., died January 8, 1944, aged 45.

Laurence Rutherford Quilliam, Michigan, Seattle, Wash., died December 22, 1943, aged 63, of carcinoma of the intestine. He was a member of the Washington State Medical Association, served in the medical corps of the U. S. Army during World War I, and was associated with the Veterans Administration.

Albert Theodore Schmidt, Pittsburgh, of Wilkinsburg, Pa., died December 26, 1943, aged 60 of chronic myocarditis.

Other deaths reported are: N. L. Barker, Emory, West Point, Ga.; Charles V. Barley, Stanford, Ithica, N. Y.; Leon S. Marshall, Pennsylvania, Harrisburg, Pa.; George E. Johnson, Pennsylvania, Philadelphia; Robert C. Sutherland, Jefferson, Penns Grove, N. J.; Lawrence E. Growney, Creighton, Kansas City, Kansas; Thomas H. Cheatham, Medical College of Virginia, Fort Worth, Texas; and Peter H. Paterson, McGill, Lillooet, B. C.

Marriages

Albert Clifton Smith, Jr., South Carolina, to Miss Rachael Ingram Monger of Lynchburg, Va., November 6, 1943.

Major Joseph R. Bigley, Jefferson, to Miss Margaretta M. Tyre, R. N. of Philadelphia.